

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1999
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
1:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Linda Steinman
Bob Workman

Commissioners Absent: Kathy Campbell, Chair

Others Present: Norm Agena, County Assessor
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Clerk

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, October 26, 1999. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)**

MOTION: Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization dated October 26, 1999. On call Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS;**

Approval of 21 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit "A". (19992156) (19992187)

MOTION: Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Heier, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**BryanLGH Medical Center
Daughters of the Holy Spirit
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital (2 exemptions)
Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center
Women in Community Service Inc.**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for BryanLGH Medical Center, Daughters of the Holy Spirit, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center and Women in Community Service Inc. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **DENIAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

Heartlands Church

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded to deny the motor vehicle tax exemption for Heartlands Church because it was untimely filed. On call Workman, Hudkins, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE FOR OMITTED OR UNDERVALUED PROPERTY:**

Kimberly Brown

The Assessor recommended the value be set at \$83,500.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation and set the value at \$83,500 for Kimberly Brown. On call Hudkins, Steinman, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Heier moved and Workman seconded to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting. On call Steinman, Workman, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

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- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, November 2, 1999.**

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval. On call Heier, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Vice Chair stated a request had been made to move New Business Item 3D forward due to time constraints.

- 3) **NEW BUSINESS:**

D. Termination of a contract with Road Runner, Inc. to provide mail delivery service for District Court. (19992185)

Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, requested a copy of the letter of termination be marked and offered for the record (Exhibit A).

Kelly Moore Guenzel Handlos, Clerk of the District Court, briefly reviewed the types of items which were incorrectly delivered. She added that she had visited with the vendor several times and the situation was never corrected. It was also noted that Brian Pillard, Records and Information Management, currently is handling their mail service.

In response to an inquiry made by Steinman, Johnson stated he and Mike Thew, Deputy County Attorney, had reviewed the situation. He explained they feel that the situation is an emergency based upon the fact that timeliness is of the essence in connection with bail amounts and child support.

MOTION: Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of the termination of a contract with Road Runner, Inc. On call Steinman, Workman, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- A. An authorized provider agreement with American Red Cross to provide equipment and training for the Corrections Department, beginning upon date of execution and ending October 15, 2000. Prices of various equipment and educational materials are attached. (19992182)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. A contract with Fresh Start Home for a resource and referral center for women for the Lancaster County Human Services Department through grant funds. Contract term is for one year with an annual renewal option. The first year's budget will be \$103,400. (19992191)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval.

Workman suggested that the amount of the liability insurance be increased in future contracts, if it is not too costly.

ROLL CALL: Workman, Hudkins, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. A contract with the City of Lincoln and State of Nebraska, Department of Roads for the development of conceptual changes to improve U.S. Highway 34 from Nebraska 79 to the interchange of Interstate 80 and Interstate 80 just northwest of Lincoln. The County will contribute one-quarter of the cost, not to exceed \$100,000. (19992192)**

Don Thomas, County Engineer, stated cost to the County would not exceed \$25,000. The total cost is not to exceed \$100,000.

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval. On call Hudkins, Steinman, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

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Item moved forward on the agenda.

E. A resolution adopting parking recommendations of the Lincoln Lancaster Public Building Commission. (19992165)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution 99-2165.

Jane Burke, attorney representing the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 2468, appeared regarding the recommendation allowing for the increase of bus subsidy from 50 to 100 percent. The concern that the Union had was that the additional 50 percent of the benefit would be counted against wages at some point. She said they wanted assurance that it would not be included as part of the wage package. The other concern, Burke stated, is the long range planning in relation to parking and that the Board has been made aware that parking is a negotiable item. Burke stated the Union would also like to be given assurance that no changes be made regarding parking without going through the formal negotiation process. She noted that it was vague as to exactly what the long range plan would include in terms of assessing a fee to individual employees.

Hudkins stated that the last proposal that he was aware of was that no fee be charged for parking in the south lot. Fees for parking under the County-City Building would be reviewed with possible implementation at the beginning of the fiscal year. Those individuals wanting preferred parking may be given the option to pay a fee.

ROLL CALL: Heier, Workman, Hudkins and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

F. Authorization of the installation of the following traffic signs in Lancaster County, Nebraska: (19992189)

- * **Installation of a "Reduced Speed Ahead" sign for westbound traffic on West Martell Road east of the 35 mile per hour speed limit sign on the east edge of Martell Road.**
- * **Installation of a "Left Curve" warning sign on West "A" Street east of Southwest 140th Street for westbound traffic.**

Installation of the following traffic signs in Clarendon Hills due to increased traffic and closure of the intersection at 70th Street and Pine Lake Road:

- * **Installation of a "25 mile per hour" speed limit sign on Revere Lane east of 70th Street for eastbound traffic.**
- * **Installation of a "25 mile per hour" speed limit sign on Carson Road east of 70th Street for eastbound traffic.**
- * **Installation of a "25 mile per hour" speed limit sign on Travis Drive east of 70th Street for eastbound traffic.**

- * **Installation of "25 mile per hour" speed limit sign on 75th Street south of Pine Lake Road for southbound traffic.**
- * **Installation of a "25 mile per hour" speed limit sign on 75th Street north of Carson Road for northbound traffic.**
- * **Installation of a "25 mile per hour" speed limit sign on Travis Drive south of Carson Road for southbound traffic.**

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval of Resolution 99-2189. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- G. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to award a bid for construction of a salt dome at Sprague, Nebraska to Dome Corporation of North America, in the amount of \$87,700. (19992178)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval.

Workman noted the bids ranged from \$87,700 to \$160,000.

ROLL CALL: Heier, Workman, Steinman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- H. Award of bid for title searches on tax foreclosure property and Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) searches for the County. (19992184)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded to award the bid to State Title Services, Inc., in the amount of \$1,385. On call Steinman, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- I. Award a Request for Proposal (RFP) to Center Pointe, Inc. for operation of an evening reporting center for juveniles for the Lancaster County Human Services Department through a grant from the Crime Commission. (19992190)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval. On call Workman, Hudkins, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- J. Reappointment of Larry Hudkins to the District Energy Corporation for a two year term, commencing January 1, 2000. (19992188)**

MOTION: Heier moved and Workman seconded approval. On call Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 4) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:
- A. Setting of public hearings for Tuesday, November 16, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding the following:**
 - 1. County Change of Zone 191 and County Miscellaneous 99002, requested by the Interim Director of Planning, to amend the text of the Lancaster County Zoning Resolution and the Lancaster County Land Subdivision Resolution to increase the filing fees for zoning and subdivision applications. (19992179)**
 - 2. County Special Permit 173, requested by Nextel Communications, Inc., for authority to construct and operate a 300 foot wireless communications broadcast tower on property generally located at Southwest 2nd Street and West Wittstruck Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (19992181)**
 - B. A right-of-entry agreement with Ronald E and Shirley S Doan for driveway grading and reconstruction on South 56th Street. (19992164)**
 - C. A right-of-way contract with Steven M Champoux regarding road improvements at Southwest 40th Street to Van Dorn Street to "A" Street, in the amount of \$520. (19992183)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of the Consent Items.

Hudkins commented that Mike DeKalb, Planning Department, has been speaking with Ed Svoboda of the Seward County Planning Department and Larry Bonner, Chair of the Seward County Board regarding Special Permit 173. He explained there is another company requesting a communications tower in Seward County and it will be in very close proximity to the one being requested by Nextel. Hudkins stated Bonner would like the Seward County Board and Lancaster County Board to meet, along with the two companies, to consider the possibility of one communication tower due to their close proximity.

ROLL CALL: Heier, Steinman, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Don Thomas, County Engineer, appeared and stated due to dry weather conditions the aggregate in gravel roads works out. He stated he wanted the viewing public to know that the roads will be in poor condition the next time it rains.

He added that another result of the dry weather are washboards.

Hudkins noted that Commissioner Campbell was absent due to attendance at "Woody" Varner's funeral.

6) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Hudkins, Steinman, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

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